

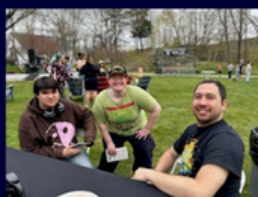


# PARENT & FAMILY NEWSLETTER

May 2024



What a River Day! We're still recovering, or at least the mess in my office is! A HUGE thank you to my staff, the faculty and staff volunteers, the marketing department, the Presidents Office, SSC, Chartwell's, the Events Office, and Campus Safety for such a fantastic day! Check out our Instagram story for some original River Day photos from the 70's!



OFFICE OF STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

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# ResLife Important Information

We're now in the final stretch of the semester, with only a few more days left until the end! 24-Hour quiet hours begin at 9PM tonight in all residents halls so students can focus on completing assignments and preparing for their exams. Residence Halls will close this coming Thursday, May 16th at 7PM and your student should plan to be totally moved out before this time. Graduating seniors should plan to move out after commencement by 5PM on Saturday, May 18th. All students should be sure to follow the closing instructions that have been posted on bulletin boards and flyers around the residence halls and emailed to students directly about moving out, preparing their rooms, and checking out. Please also take note of these important upcoming dates for your student:

- Friday, May 10th: Deadline to sign up for Summer Housing. The cost is \$1,500 for each 7-week term.
- Thursday, May 16th @ 7PM: Residence Halls close for all students, except for graduating seniors and approved summer housing residents.
- Sunday, August 25th: Returning Student Move-In for Fall 2024 semester. RAs, Peer Leaders, Diversity Ambassadors, and Fall Athletes should consult their supervisor or coach for their fall move-in information.

On behalf of the Residential Life and Housing Team, we wish you and your student a joyful and relaxing summer and we look forward to welcoming returning students back for the 2024-2025 academic year in August!

# Tips From the Writing and Academic Support Center for Success in Summer Term Courses

Congratulations to all for making it through another school year! We especially want to congratulate and send best wishes to our graduating seniors who have worked so hard to get to this point. Although many students are looking forward to a summer of rest and relaxation, we know that not everybody treats summer vacation as a break.

Students who are enrolled in summer-term classes have a fantastic opportunity to get ahead on credits and take some amazing classes. On the other hand, summer courses come with their own challenges. Here are some tips to help students get the most out of a summer class.

## 1.Prepare.

By the end of the school year, many students have carved out a place on campus or at home where they can go to get their work done without distractions. This is just as important in the summer. Students should make sure that they have access to a space with reliable Wi-Fi where they can attend their Zoom classes and get coursework done.

It's also a good idea to take a look at the course in Blackboard before it starts so that students are familiar with the layout and where important documents like the syllabus and course assignments are located. These courses cover a lot of content in a very short amount of time, so knowing where everything is can prevent students from falling behind.

## 2.Schedule around classes.

It can be very easy to enroll in and commit to a summer class when students are already on a roll during the school year. That commitment can get a lot harder to stick to when vacation time actually sets in. Distractions like vacations, work, family, and friends can push summer classes onto the back burner. Making summer courses a priority can help. Ways to do this might include setting alarms, using a planner, or making the class(es) a part of everyday discussion. If students need to miss a class due to an unavoidable circumstance, they should keep the lines of communication with their professor open and try to stay on top of any missed work.

## 3.Use available resources.

Even though most summer-term courses are online, and many students are home during the break, college resources are still here! Tutoring and writing coaching are absolutely still available, but in a more limited capacity than during the school year. Students should email [wasc@nec.edu](mailto:wasc@nec.edu) to inquire about scheduling appointments over the summer. If WASC services are not available (during evening, weekend, or holiday hours), students can access BrainFuse, a free 24/7 online tutoring service, by clicking on "Tools" on their Blackboard homepage.

We hope that these tips help students and families towards a successful summer term. We at the Writing and Academic Support Center wish you all a wonderful summer and look forward to welcoming our students back in August!

# NEC Business Club

NEC Business Club is growing and engaging more students with great activities this semester!

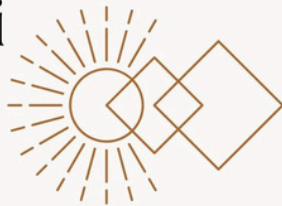
Under David Novotny's leadership, the NEC Business Club has grown from 5 to 20 members and is setting records with new and exciting activities! The Club organized a campus wide panel with successful alums: Spencer Marzouk (CEO of ThinkLP), Stock Broker, David Pilla, and Investment Associate Ryan Walsh, that was well attended and enjoyed. Spencer Marzouk went on from NEC to get his MBA from Harvard Business School, which inspired members of the Business Club to arrange a tour of the Harvard Business School with former NEC Business Professor Michele Jurgens who is now with the Harvard Business Review. Several social events at the NEC Pub were held with themes of sports betting and stock trading; and the club attended a Manchester Fisher Cats minor league baseball game in Manchester, New Hampshire. Club advisor Professor Emeritus of Business Tom McGrevey held several his Lift Method Meditation guided meditations for students and other faculty and staff which teach how to generate an all-natural high sensation that can relieve anxiety and restore clear thinking, even in the middle of high stakes or emotionally charged situations. Students have said it has noticeably helped with tests and presentations.

It was a great semester! Elections and planning have begun for next year!

NEC BUSINESS CLUB PRESENTS

## NEC Alumni to CEO

APRIL 11TH, 2024  
ON ZOOM FROM 12-1:15



### Guest Speakers



SPENCER MARKOUK  
CEO OF THINKLP



DAVE PILLA  
STOCK BROKER



RYAN WALSH  
INVESTMENT ASSOCIATE

Join NEC Business Club on zoom from 12-1:15 to learn more from these NEC Alumni and their experience in the business world. Open to all students, faculty, and staff who are interested!

## Dr. Carrie Colbert Wins ACBSP Teaching Excellence Award



Dr. Carrie Colbert, Associate Professor of Business Administration at New England College, has been selected as a regional recipient of the 2024

ACBSP Teaching Excellence Award. Each year, the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) celebrates excellence in teaching by recognizing faculty members who go above and beyond in their dedication to students.

# Education Department



Four Methods students receive their journals courtesy of Dr. Morris as they have now completed the Gateway requirements set forth by the State of NH Department of Education and are ready to enter their culminating field work of student teaching in the fall. One more stop until they are licensed educators!

## Academic Advising

Happy Spring! While the Spring Semester is concluding, Academic Advising continues to support students throughout the Summer. There are two opportunities for students to enroll in Summer courses. Our Summer I Term will run Monday, May 20 – Sunday, July 7, and our Summer II Term will run Monday, July 8 – Sunday, August 25. These courses are a great opportunity for students to boost their GPA, get ahead in credits, or take a class that may already be full for fall semester!

Students can contact us at [advising2@nec.edu](mailto:advising2@nec.edu) for more information and registration assistance.

We hope you all have an amazing Summer. Congratulations to our 2024 graduates!

## Commencement Information

<https://www.nec.edu/commencement>

Saturday, May 18, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

The Simon Green

98 Bridge Street, Henniker, NH 03242

# Blind Date With A Book



Danforth Library, in partnership with Res Life, took part in the River Day festivities this year by hosting Blind Date with a Book. Students took free books with only a few words' description and got to be surprised by what was inside. We're proud to report that only one book remained by the middle of the afternoon!

# Congratulations 2024 NEC Shark Tank Winners!



- 1st – David Novotny
- 2nd – Jack Herron
- 3rd – Sheresse Melton

Thank you to the 2024 NEC Shark Tank host, judges, and student event team!

Shark Tank Host - Ed Royer

Judges - Cynthia Burns Martin, Tom McGrevey, Matt Ruckman

# PILGRIM SHOP

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# A Message from Mentoring Program

It's here...the moment you and your graduating student have been waiting for! **CONGRATULATIONS!** Commencement will be held on May 18th and it is as much your accomplishment as your child's. The sacrifices you've made along the way have made the realization of this dream possible. However, before that walk across the stage can take place, a few "minor" details such as finals must be completed! Focus and motivation are challenging for all students at this point in the semester. The sun is shining, the campus is in bloom, and thoughts of summer are interfering with setting aside sufficient time to study and finish remaining projects and assignments. Remind your student that this is **NO** time to procrastinate because there is no time left! Encourage them to schedule study/homework sessions into each day, practice healthy self-care, and use academic support services to put finishing touches on that all-important thesis or research paper. Seniors: celebrate reaching this significant milestone (while still getting work done!) as we send you off with best wishes for the next adventure. Returning students: we look forward to seeing you in August for the start of the 2024-25 academic year. Parents, if you have been considering enrolling your student in the Mentoring Program, don't wait to reserve your spot with Director of Mentoring Erin Brooks (ebrooks@nec.edu). We're here to help!


## SENIOR WEEK

### 2024

MAY 14

**TUESDAY**


Luau on the Bridge  
7-9 PM  
Covered Bridge



MAY 15

**WEDNESDAY**


Pub Signing  
8-10 PM  
Tortington Arms Pub



MAY 16

**THURSDAY**

Senior Formal  
7-10 PM  
Pat's Peak





MAY 17

**FRIDAY**

Mimosas  
10:30 AM  
Simon Patio

Graduation Rehearsal  
11 AM  
Simon Lawn




MAY 18

**SATURDAY**

Graduation Lineup  
8:30-9 AM  
Covered Bridge

Graduation  
10 AM  
Simon Lawn



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# PILGRIM SHOP @ NEC

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## APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

### THOUGHTFUL SPOTLIGHT

Our ThoughtFUL event was held on April 11<sup>th</sup> - designed to encourage and celebrate the power of joy through self-care, mindfulness, spreading positivity, and togetherness. We had 10 Themes of THOUGHT•FUL. Each theme came to life with important messages and activities. We partnered with Wellness & Diversity for this fun event. The event brought everyone together and created a lot of excitement on campus!



### SLIDE INTO SLIDERS

Celebrating MLB opening day with sliders, popcorn, baseball cupcakes and a pitcher's punch mocktail.



### TACO TUESDAY

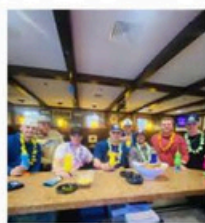
The key to happiness.... Taco Tuesdays in Gilly! Chicken or Beef, flour or corn tortillas and all the fix ins! Plus Mocktail Margaritas - Taco 'bout Awesome!

Taco Tuesday  
Increase in  
students 10%



### PINA COLADA NIGHT

We hosted a Pina Colada Night in the pub on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> – Students enjoyed the fun atmosphere and delicious Pina Coladas. This special event brought in a 65% increase in sales for the night!



### DRUNK GOGGLES

Partnering with RA Locky and NEC Counseling we hosted an alcoholic awareness event with Super Mario Bros. drunk goggles to simulate the effects of alcohol consumption on the body. Pepsi donated waters and Gatorade



## LOVE CHARTWELLS



**SURPRISE!**  
National  
Jellybean Day for  
our  
Chartwells



## EARTH DAY

We celebrated Earth Day with a delicious Spring feast menu and gave out reusable bags to students.



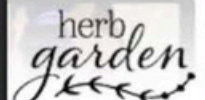
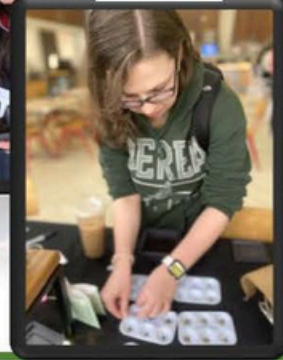
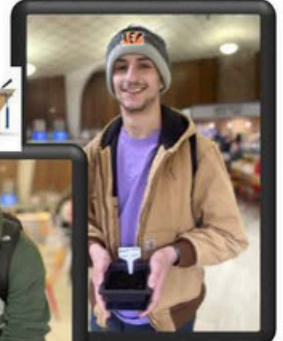
## ROCKBOT

Download Rock Bot and be your own DJ, enjoy your music playing through our speakers in Gilly! Scan here for more info.

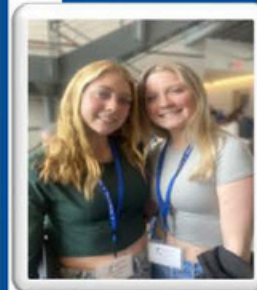


## DIY HERB GARDEN

A fun DIY to celebrate Earth Month



## ACCEPTED STUDENTS' DAY



Welcome to NEC! We look forward to seeing you all in the Social House @ Gilmore Dining Hall, Simon Grill & Starbucks!

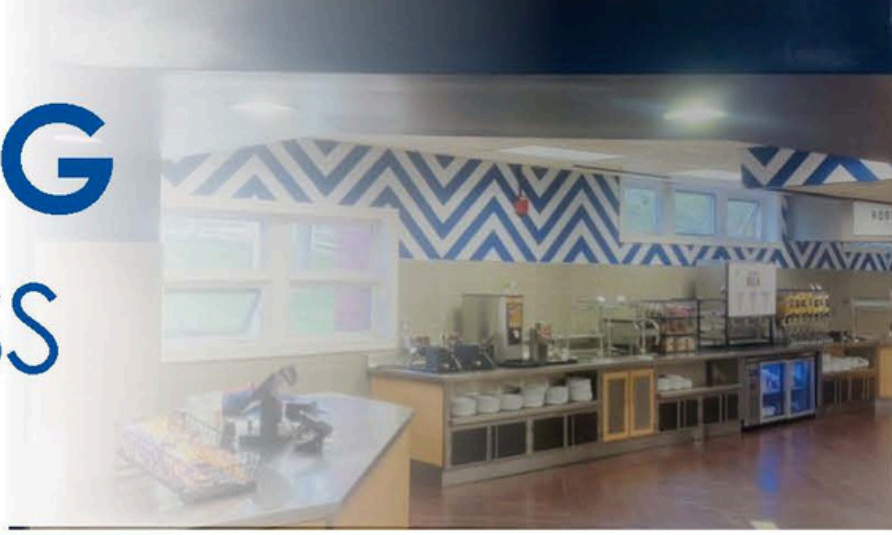


# NEW ENGLAND COLLEGE CATERING

Let's raise a toast to our chef and catering team! It was a busy catering season, and we are dedicated to leaving guests impressed and satisfied. Cheers!



# MEASURING OUR SUCCESS

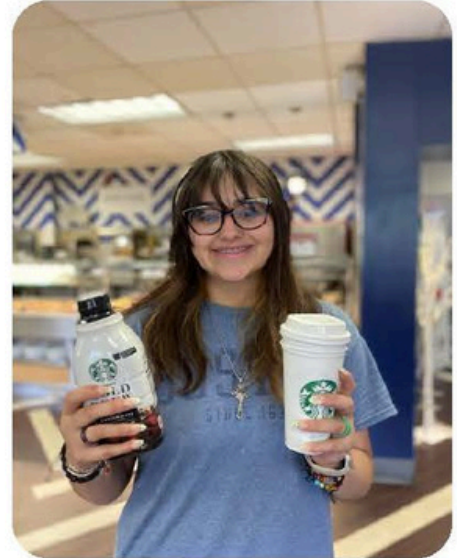


## ENGAGEMENT GROWTH

We have seen a 95% engagement growth with New England College Dining over the past month.

This means students are seeing a post that they liked and rewatched, & or either liked the post or visited our page from it!

**95%**



## SOCIAL REACH

Month over month we have seen a growth in our social media reach.

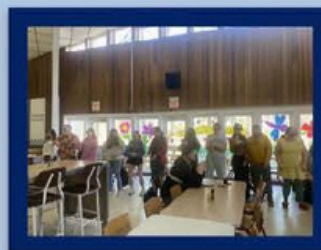
We saw a continued growth in reach of 82% from March to April.

**82%**



## SOCIAL MEDIA IMPRESSIONS

Impressions are the number of times our content (posts) was seen, including multiple views from individual users.



Flash Mob Macarena dance on  
Tuesdays in the dining hall

**41,682**

**VIEWS IN APRIL**



# THE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

*Simon Center | Rooms 306 & 307*



## Welcome to finals week everyone!

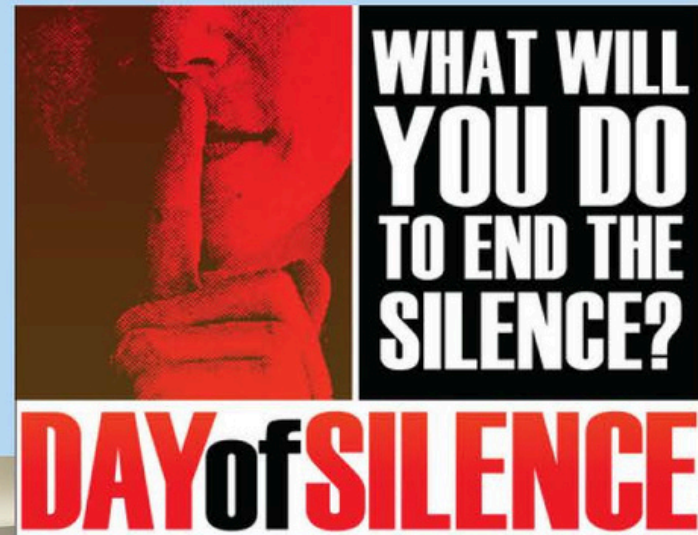
We hope that you had a fun and fulfilling River Day last Friday! To celebrate the end of the semester, let's have our monthly newsletter to recap everything we've done over the past month. Take a look back at all the fun stuff we've been involved in this past month!

The office also wants to wish everyone the best of luck with finals. The weather is improving, and we've opened up the office rooms as study spaces or relaxation spaces between exams and projects. Please stop by, even to just say hello. We always love to welcome students to our office! Happy finals season, and have a great rest of the semester!




This month was our new Program Coordinator, Sage's, first month here! They started off the month strong with a beautiful display of different sweets, including Palestinian ma'amoul cookies, to celebrate Eid al-Fitr with our Muslim students.

We next participated in the National Day of Silence, a day of protest meant to bring attention to the violence LGBTQ+ students face on campus. We gave out educational pamphlets and distributed explainer cards for those who were participating in the vow of silence.



On April 19th, we held our successful Cultures Around the World event, a celebration of the myriad different cultures on our campus. We had speakers come and present on their respective cultures, and we had student-made posters lining the room, teaching everyone about different cultures and countries that students come from.







# Cultures Around the World

Come see a cultural showcase from your peers about the wide range of cultures on campus

Featuring:  
International exchange student Muhammad Idrees on Pakistani culture

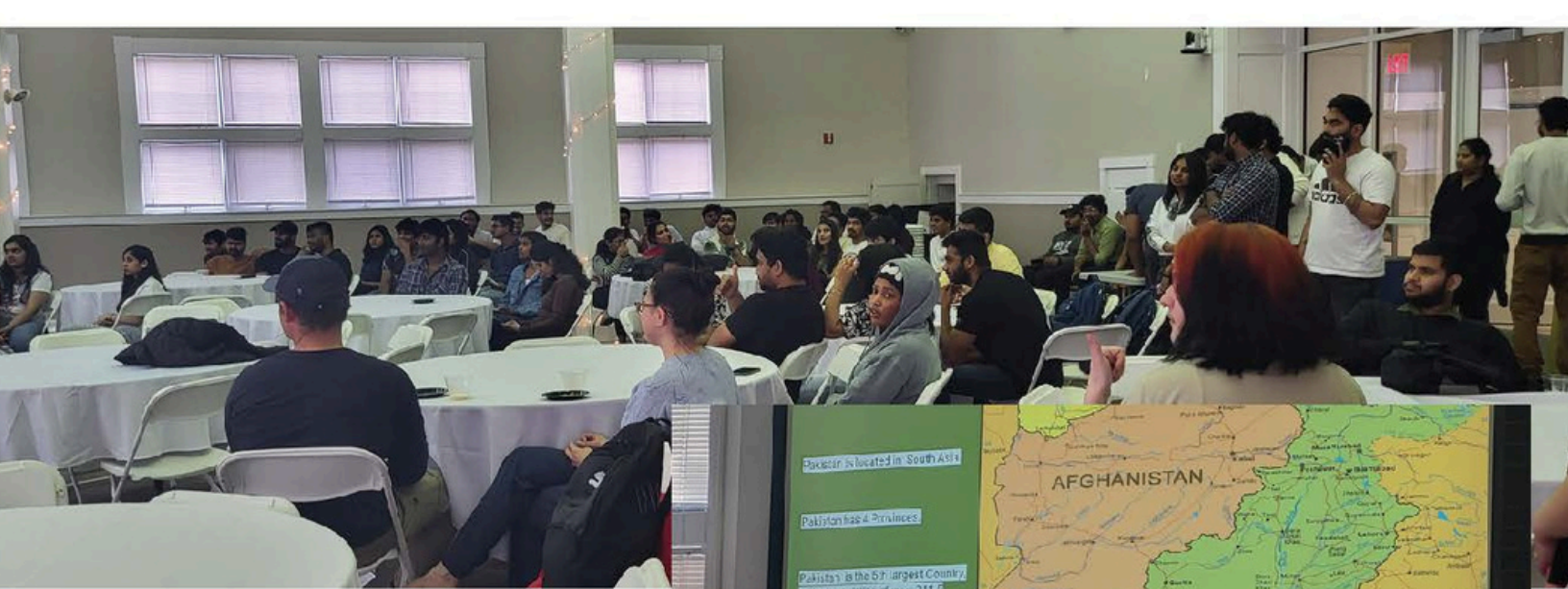
Where: The Great Room  
When: April 19, 2024  
Time: 3:30-6 pm

Join us for Food, Activities, Doorprizes and more!

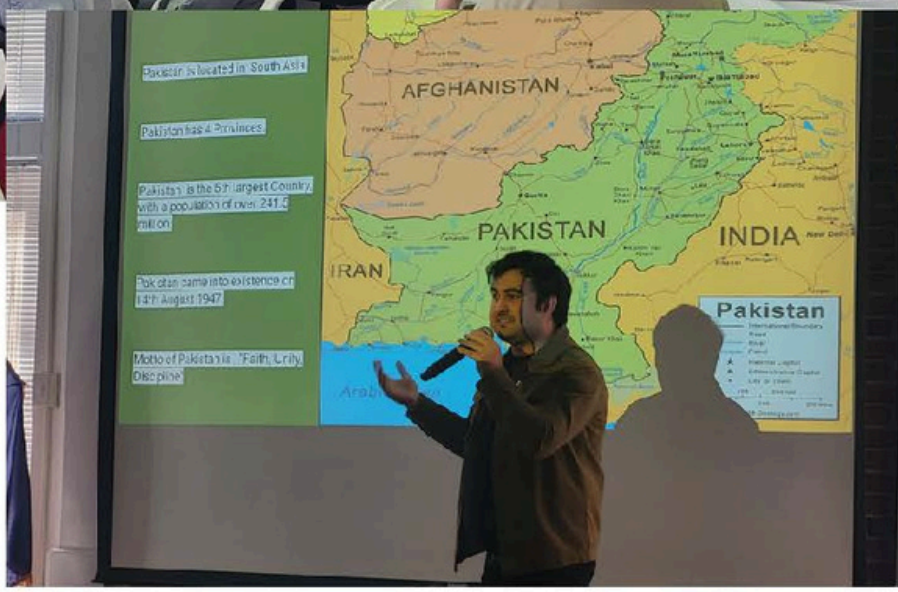


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We also came together to support Muhammad Idrees, a Pakistani exchange student who has been studying at New England College during the semester. He gave a beautiful presentation on the history and traditions of Pakistan.



Our event was very well-attended. So many people came out to support Idrees and the speakers from our Office!



On April 23rd, we celebrated the annual Grims Awards, and the Office was thrilled to see several of our Ambassadors nominated for awards!



The Ambassadors work year round to support systemically marginalized students on campus, committing long hours both in and out of the Office to helping their peers. We're so proud to see their work recognized!



Congratulations Zy, Isaac, and Jocey!



On April 24th, we celebrated Holi with our Hindu students! Members of the Indian Student Council helped organize the event, and brought in the famous DJ Sai.



Office of Diversity and Inclusion  
Presents...

# HOLI FESTIVAL

**04.24.2024**  
**SIMON LAWN**  
**3PM - 6PM**

Outdoor Activities | Music | Free Drink & Food | Color Celebration

**PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THIS CULTURAL EVENT!**

Erica Sigauke  
Business Division  
Richard Mitchell  
Lauren Christie

ESigauke@nec.edu  
RMitchell13@nec.edu  
L.Christie@nec.edu

Community Wide  
Collaboration

We had color throwing and a dance party, all in the beautiful spring weather. What a fun event!



On April 27th, we had our final event of the year, our Wildflower Social. We had such a fun time dancing and coloring and learning about influential LGBTQ+ figures. What a great way to end the year!





Finally, here are some fun miscellaneous moments from throughout the month. The Ambassadors brought lots of Proteges to the Office, and we had a fun time welcoming them. Please visit us again soon!

One of our Ambassadors, ZyAnndriyah, also joined us on our weekly radio show, “Coffee Chats with ODI.” We air every Wednesday from 12-1pm on WNEC-FM, and Zy did a great job talking about the Ambassador program on air.





*That's all from the Office of Diversity and Inclusion this month, and for the semester!*

As the semester winds to a close and seniors graduate, we want to say thank you for making our year so great. We had so many awesome programs this semester, and we couldn't have done it without you. We also want to say goodbye to our lovely senior Ambassadors, whose hard work made the Office what it is today. We wish you luck in the next big leg of your journey.

To everyone else, we hope to see you back here this Fall. We'll have all new programs in store, including some new initiatives we hope you'll enjoy!

*Thank you, and have a great summer!*



-- Sage Malley and Dr. Erica Sigauke  
*The Office of Diversity and Inclusion*